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TAGS: PFOR, LA, US

SUBJECT: LAO GOVERNMENT REQUESTS DRASTIC REDUCTION IN
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

REF: 1. VIENTIANE 88, 2. STATE 10964, 3. VIENTIANE 92,
4. VIENTIANE 99, 5. VIENTIANE 100, 6. VIENTIANE 101

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES YOUR PROMPT, COMPREHENSIVE
REPORTING AND ANALYSIS OF MOST RECENT LAO INITIATIVE TO
IMPOSE CEILING ON U.S. PRESENCE IN LAOS.

2. WHILE WE REGRET THE SUBSTANCE, MANNER AND TIMING OF
THE LAO INITIATIVE, WE INTEND TO KEEP OUR POST IN VIENTIANE
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OPEN, AND TO CONFORM TO THE LPDR CEILING. THE DEPARTMENT
REALIZES THAT, BY ACCEPTING THIS CEILING ON PERSONNEL, WE
ARE ACCEPTING A RESTRICTION ON THE EMBASSY'S FUNCTION AS A
"LISTENING POST." WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS NEVERTHELESS IN
OUR INTERESTS TO MAINTAIN A POST IN LAOS NOW.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY APPOINTMENT

AT WHATEVER LEVEL IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY YOU BELIEVE
APPROPRIATE TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING NOTE:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE LAO
PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER
TO THE MINISTRY'S NOTE NUMBER 013-AE-AC-2 OF JANUARY 17,
IN WHICH THE MINISTRY INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT IT HAD
DECIDED TO FIX THE STRENGTH OF THE AMERICAN PERSONNEL
IN SERVICE AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE AT A
MAXIMUM OF THREE DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AND NINE NON-
DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL COMPLY
WITH THE MINISTRY'S REQUEST TO REDUCE ITS PERSONNEL IN
VIENTIANE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME. ON THE QUESTION OF
DIPLOMATIC AND NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL REFERRED TO IN
PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE MINISTRY'S NOTE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
USA EXPECTS THAT BOTH THE DIPLOMATIC AND NON-DIPLOMATIC
PERSONNEL IN ITS EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE WILL CONTINUE TO
RECEIVE ALL THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES PROVIDED FOR
UNDER THE VIENNA CONVENTION OF 1961 AS WELL AS THE NORMAL
COURTESIES EXTENDED BY HOST COUNTRIES TO BOTH DIPLOMATIC
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COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. END QUOTE.

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ESSENTIAL NEEDS. AT SAME TIME WE INTEND TO PROMPTLY
BEGIN DRAWDOWN, AND SUBJECT TO WHATEVER SCHEDULE YOU
WORK OUT WITH MINISTRY, WE PLAN TO MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY IN
GETTING DOWN TO TWELVE PERSON LEVEL.

5. A SEPARATE MESSAGE ON STAFFING WILL FOLLOW EARLY NEXT
WEEK AFTER CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT AND WITH INTERESTED AGENCIES.
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